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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OBTAINING A  
LOW-NOISE OPTICAL SIGNAL

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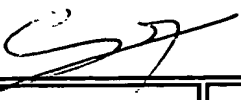
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